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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, DC 20423

Attn: Danielle Gosselin
Re: Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 249X)

We own property which is bisected by the rail right of way. We recommend that Union Pacific abandon and salvage the track to Plumas County Road Dyson Lane crossing or at a minimum to Plumas County Road A24 Crossing. We site the following reasons:

- 1) Union Pacific has failed to maintain the right of way.
- 2) Cattle guards are not adequate and have become the responsibility of the land owner.
- 3) Weeds have overgrown the right of way and are a fire hazard and a nuisance.
- 4) Trackage is in such disrepair it is not possible to move cars across even for storage.
- 5) No traffic has crossed this section for more than 4 years. Previously at a 5mph speed limit.
- 6) Vandalism has occurred from trespassers.
- 7) Crossings on A-24 and Dyson Lane are rough and especially hazardous in snowy weather.

We respectfully request Union Pacific rethink the scope of the abandonment and return the property to the individual landowner of record.

Yours truly,



Michael Cassida

Attachment: Map showing roads and car storage area.

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